

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 and 3-6 are pending in this application. By this amendment, claim 2 has been canceled and the elements of claims 2 have been added to claim 1. Claim 1 has also been amended to overcome the objection noted by the Examiner in paragraph 2 (page 1) of the Office action. Further, claim 1 has also been amended to recite additional features of the invention, thereby obviating the rejections under 35 USC 102(b) over Freund and under 35 USC 102(b) over Tost (or in the alternative 35 USC 103(a) over Tost in view of Freund, as stated in the action). Support for these amendments can be found in the original specification in Figs. 5-7, on page 31, lines 1-6, and, *inter alia*, pages 28-31. Thus, no new matter is added by this amendment.

The rejection of claims 1 and 3-6 over Freund under 35 USC 102(b) is now moot, as is the rejection under 35 USC 102(b) over Tost (or in the alternative 35 USC 103(a) over Tost in view of Freund.) As amended, claim 1 recites features that are not taught, disclosed, or suggested by Freund or Tost. In particular, neither reference describes that “the cuff fastener is configured to adapt to the size of a wrist of the human body in response to a change to the measuring winding length state from the mount/dismount length state.” As the Examiner noted in the Office action, in order to conform the cuff to the wrist when switching to the measuring winding length state, Freund provides a manual winding wheel. Tost, moreover, requires the use of hooks and studs to connect a top and bottom plate and then use a sliding section to adjust the tension of the strap around the wrist.

Further, neither Tost nor Freund describes that “the sliding section is configured to be accommodated inwardly toward to a first body section by a coil spring”. In each of the references, the sliding section is manually movable, but does not employ a coil spring to bias the sliding section inwardly toward the body section, as illustrated in the various figures accompanying the specification of this application.

For each of these reasons, the rejections under 35 USC 102(b) is moot and all claims are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is, therefore, respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing Attorney Docket No. 163852020900.

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